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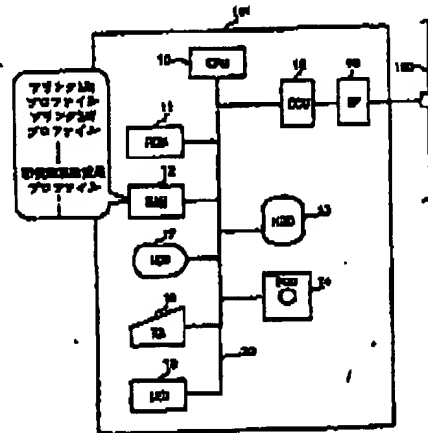
(54) IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM AND CONTROL
METHOD OF IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM

(57) Abstract

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide an image forming system and a control method thereof with the capability of making a free combination of functions included in a plurality of devices, or setting up functions as required.

SOLUTION: Each unit of a plurality of functions on a network 100 is stored with information indicating self-furnishing functions. A system controller 101 being a function unit for performing a role as a supervisor operates to collect these stored information, and analyze a combination of functions for executing operation designated by user on the basis of the collected information. In accordance with the analyzed effects, a desired processing operation is carried out by putting collected functions together.

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